

BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE BARLING MAGNA WILDLIFE RESERVE

COMMITTEE meeting held on Monday 24th February 2025 in the Barling Magna Parish Hall, Little Wakering Road, Barling Magna, Essex

Present: - Councillors Efde, Myers, Edmunds and McKillop

In attendance: - Mr Shaw and Goodman (Volunteers)

Admin - Steph Raine

MINUTES

33/24 The Chair to declare the meeting open

33/24.1 The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.01 p.m.

34/24 To receive apologies for absence

34/24.1 Apologies received from Cllrs McPherson, Bright and Steptoe

35/24 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

25/24.1 All Councillors declared an interest as trustees of Barling Magna Parish Hall.

25/24.2 Councillors Edmunds and Myers declared an interest as parishioners.

25/24.3 Councillor Efde declared an interest in any matters relating to District Council.

36/24 To agree the Minutes of the Wildlife Committee held on 13th May 2024

36/24.1 The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Efde and seconded by Cllr Edmunds.

37/24 The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Barling Magna to address the Meeting.

37/24.1 None present

38/24 Volunteers Matters – including any recommendations to Council

38/24.1 Volunteer advised PAT testing was needed at the reserve. Cllr Edmunds advised he will complete once machine was back from being repaired.

38/24.2 Volunteer advised training needed to be completed for chainsaw handling and first aid training. Volunteer advised that he had already found some quotes. These are to be sent to the Clerk to investigate.

39/24 Equipment and Expenditure

39/24.1 Volunteer advised that new chainsaw trousers were needed quote found and will be sent to Clerk to investigate.

39/24.2 Volunteer asked for new eye shields and chainsaw visor. Quotes to be sent to Clerk.

40/24 Current Topics

40/24.1 Information board – Cllr Efde asked how this was progressing. Volunteer advised that this is still ongoing and will be dealt with soon.

40/24.2 Hullbridge visit – Volunteer advised he had made the visit to the Hullbridge wildlife reserve and found it pleasant. Has invited them to come and visit our site but has heard nothing back yet.

40/24.3 Volunteer advised of bike rack and pathway. Clerk advised she is looking into funding for pathway. Cllr McKillop asked about Lottery funding.